HE TELLS HOW THEY GREW TO \$15.567,000-WHY THE SURVEYS WERE SO EXPENSIVE.

Albany, April ? (Special) .- The Canal Investigating Commission to-day in its questions addressed to State Engineer Adams evidently aimed to learn whether or not the deepening of the Eric Canal to an average depth of nine feet and other canal improvements could not be done for less than \$16.

Mr. Adams, at the beginning of his testimony, gave answers to some questions asked yesterday "My estimate of \$14,448,000 as the total cost of the canal improvements," he said, "did not include \$495,000 for extra work which would probably be required, nor 3524,000 allowed for the difference between the estimate and the usual contract price. Thus \$1,119,000 must be added to the estimate of \$14. 448,000, which would bring up the cost to \$15,567,000."

What would be your estimate if the construction of new pneumatic locks at Cohoes and at Lockport and the proposed change of alignment at Cohoes e features the canal improvement

be abandoned?"

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turbed.

Mr. Adams, in reply to a question from Mr. Clinton, then stated that if the \$2,000,000 plan for deepening the canals could have been carried out by throwing the earth excavated from the bottom of the canals upon the banks the expense of the undertaking would have been reduced one-half. It was found to be impracticable to use the mud from the bottom of the canals for any such purpose. The experiment was tried, but the mud slipped back into the canals and interfered with navigation, and orders had to be issued to stop all work of this character.

character.

It was announced to-day that Lyman F. Cooley of Chicago, had been appointed advisory engineer to the Commission. Mr. Cooley is the consulting engineer of the Chicago Drainage Canal Commission. Recently he was the engineer and expert for the contractors who visited Nicaragua for the purpose of determining the cost of construction of the Nicaragua Canal. Mr. Cooley will begin his work for the Commission next week.

The Commission this afternoon adjourned until next Monday afternoon.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR. Albany, April 7 .- Governor Black to-day signed the

Senator Elisworth's, appropriating \$2,000 for the erection of a monument in Newport, R. I., in memory of Christopher Greene and Ebenezer Flags.

Burr's, appropriating \$8,000 for horticultural tigation at the State Agricultural Experiment investigation at the Station at Geneva. Senator Elisworth's, appropriating \$100,000 to put in operation the act to abolish grade crossings.

BIMETALLIC CLUB'S MEETING.

PREE COINAGE OF SILVER AND INTERVENTION IN CUBA FAVORED-BRYAN SPEAKS.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 7 .- About five hundred convention of the League of Bimetallic Clubs of the Ohio Valley to order to-day. New officers were elected as follows: President, J. P. Tarvin, of Kentucky; vice-presidents, N. R. Tucker, of Ohio; Van Voorhis, of Indiana, and A. C. Bently, of

The resolutions presented by Chairman S. E. The resolutions presented by Chairman S. E. Morse were adopted. They regard the financial question "as the paramount issue, and piedge the support of the League to the securing of himetailism and the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1; unalterably oppose the single gold standard; believe that Congress alone has the power to coin and issue money and that this power should not be delegated to individuals or corporations," and express continued configence in William J. Bryan.

A resolution of sympathy for Cuban patriots and in favor of immediate intervention by the United States was also adopted. William J. Bryan spoke at the afternoon session.

LEADING CITIZENS SHOT AND KILLED.

THE PRESIDENT OF A NATIONAL BANK AT LAN-CASTER MURDERED.

Lancaster, Penn., April 7.-David B. Landis, president of the Conestoga National Bank, and one of the leading citizens of this city, was shot and killed this morning by Ralph W. Wireback, who is extensively known throughout the country as a tragedy resulted from an attempt to dispossess Wireback, who had rented a house from Landis

jail.

The murdered man was largely connected with business ventures in this city. He dealt in grain and operated the milling business on an extensive scale. Wireback has long been regarded as extremely

GREAT FIRES IN TORIO.

OVER ONE THOUSAND HOUSES DESTROYED AND SEVERAL LIVES LOST Vancouver, B. C., April 7 .- News from the Orient

states that by a serious fire in Tokio 1.111 houses were destroyed, resulting in death and injury to natives. The fire started in the Harukicho Theatre. and owing to a defect in the water system fifteen streets were cleaned out. The fire was incendiary. Averaging ten to a house, a reasonable average, Averaging ten to a nouse, a reasonance average, there were II.99 people rendered homeless.

A fire destroyed the Modykhana Hospital, for plague patients, creeted by Europeans. Out of minety-eight patients six lost their lives.

On March 20 another fire in Tokio destroyed 112 buildings, among them the medical college of the Imperial University.

DENOUNCED HIS CHURCH AND LEFT IT.

AN EXCITING EPISODE IN THE MARYLAND METH-

Baltimore, April 7 (Special).-The Rev. B. A. Conference up to a high pitch of excitement to-day. To the surprise of his fellow-ministers, he made the announcement that the time had come for him to terminate his connection with the Con-ference. He declared that he had found the Church a failure in its policy and vitality lacking in those things which should contribute to its success.

He would have continued further in his bitter

criticism of the Church policy but for the sharp interruptions of a dozen or more ministers, who tried to call him down. The Rev. S. B. Southerland shouted that the Church was not a failure, but the Rev. Mr. Dumm was. President Lewis, of the Western Maryland College, denounced Mr. Dumm's remarks as insulting. Several ministers were in favor of giving Mr. Dumm a full hearing, but their motion to that effect was voted down, and without another word Mr. Dumm took his hat, bowed to the presiding officer and left the church.

He was considered one of the most brilliant young men in the Conference. For some time he has protested against certain governing rules in the Church. He has accepted the assistant pastorship of the First Congregational Church of Washington.

WOMAN MAYOR IN IDAHO.

Boise, Idaho, April 7.-Miss Jessie E. Parker was elected Mayor of Kendrick, Idaho, after a spirited contest. Her opponent was one of the most popular men in the city.

UTAH INDIANS ANGRY.

Fort Duchesne, Utah, April 7.-News from Ouray to the effect that the Indians are going in large numbers toward the mouth of Willow Creek, ! White River, and the Uncompangres are highly White River, and the Uncompaheres are highly incensed at the Allotment Commissioners for their dilatory action. Indian Agent Corpish has left for the Willow Creek district to inform the Indians that the lands are open for settlement, and that the whites were entitled by law to squat thereon. The Utes are ugly, and one shot accidentally or otherwise may precipitate trouble.

THE RHODE ISLAND ELECTION.

Providence, April 7.-The following is the vote for missing: Dyer, Republican, 25,738; Church, Demo nssing: Dyer, Republican, 25,738, Unified, Demo-nat, 14,538, Reid, Socialist-Labor, 2,092; Lewis, Pro-ibition, 1,651. The following is the composition of the Legislature: Republicans, 36; Democrats, 11; itizens, 1. The re-election of United States Sen-tor Nelson W. Aldrich is assured.

A NEW DORMITORY FOR PRINCETON.

ADAMS'S CANAL ESTIMATES. | day. Mr. Little was graduated from Princeton with the class of '45.

TEMPORARY QUARTERS AT THE SAVOY

DEMOCRATIC CLUB LEASES A SUITE OF ROOMS TO BE USED WHILE REPAIRS ON ITS HOUSE ARE IN PROGRESS.

The committee which was appointed by the Board temporary quarters for the organization while repairs on the clubhouse are in progress held a meetlast night. Several propositions were con-red, and it was finally decided to take a lease silered, and it was finally decided to take a lease on a parlyr suite in the Hotel Savvy, at Fifty-ninth-st and Fifth-ave. The suite, which contains five or six rooms, is on the second fleor, and is well adapted for club purposes. Inasmuch as Mr. Croker will be out of the city while the club is in the hotel, it is thought that the attendance will never be large enough to crowd the temperary quarters.

Among the names proposed for membership in the club vesterday was that of St. Clair McKelway, Editor of "The Brocklyn Eagle."

JONES LANDS. YOU BET!

ADMINISTRATIONS CAN'T CHANGE PAST ENOUGH

get Colonel James E. Jones into office. Colonel James E. Jones is the good friend of Richard Croker, of Senator Thomas C. Platt and of expromised to him some time ago, but Dr. Tarleto promised to him some time ago, but Dr. lattered it. Eean, who was supposed to be protected by the Civil Service rules and by the veteran law, declined to resign. The Park Commissioners put Dr. Bean out by abolishing the office of Superintendent of the Aquarium, and now they have appointed Colonel James E. Jones to the newly created and hitherto unheard of office of Superintendent of Small Parks in the borough of Mathattan, with headquarters at the Aquarium. Colonel James E. Jones will have light duties and a salary of \$3,000 a year.

DR. HEPWORTH TALKS OF ARMENIA.

HE TELLS THE BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION THAT THE

The Baptist Social Union held a regular meeting last evening at Delmonico's. After dinner President W. D. Murphy introduced the Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth, who spoke at some length of the condition of Armenia. Dr. Hepworth described his travels in Armenia, and said that there was no

HUNT FOR A TREASURE ISLAND.

San Francisco, April 7 (Special).-An expedition for Treasure Island, in the Aleutian group, will Gilbert, a veteran Arctic navigator, easy that Mo stole his discovery. Gilbert claims that he fo a ledge on Kochak Island, which carried \$31 It was an enormous ledge at tide water, wh Captain Gilbert says can be worked as cheaply

AMERICAN MISSION ATTACKED.

INDEMNITY DEMANDED FROM CHINESE GOVERN COURSE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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It is stated that the United States Government intends to establish a Consulate at Vindivostock.

San Francisco, April 7.-Great excitement prevails San Francisco, April 7.—Great excitement prevails in the Hawalian Islands, according to passengers who arrived on the steamer Alameda. Two weeks ago the lava in Maura Loa, from the observations taken at the signal station on the mountain, dropped sixteen hundred feet, and shortly afterward smoke was seen issuing from the crairer, sometimes in great volumes, and then again in short jerks. The natives were terribly excited over the occurrence, and prophesical when the Alameda left that in twelve days there would be a great eruption. For two weeks previous to the falling in of the lava there had been constant eartinguakes, and it is also continuous a rain in the island. The shocks were not severe.

THE PRESIDENT'S BRAVERY.

To the Editor of the Tribune.

Sir In to-day's editorial, "The Crisis and the Day," is thus sentence, composed of "words fitty closen" of the President in managing the case with consummate skill and with unimpenchable with the consummate skill and with unimpenchable with consumma

DELAWARE PEACH CROP INJURED.

Sussex County, the peach centre, state that the heavy frosts of the last five mornings have done heavy frosts of the last five mornings have done great damage to the peach buds. There is no longer any doubt regarding their condition, as the buds are dark, withered and dropping, showing plainly the effects of the frosts. It was impossible for the buds to withstand such severe weather. They had just opened when the frosts came and wrought the great damage.

Experienced growers, who have made a thorough examination of their orchards, find that the entire crop is not destroyed. They say that the greatest injury is to the late varieties of the fruit. The early varieties give promise of a fair yield.

SMALLPOX ON AN ATLANTIC LINER.

The steamer Karlsruhe, of the North German Lloyd Line, which arrived yesterday from Bremen, was defained for some time at Quirantial, owing to a case of smallpox on board. The patient was a hoy eighteen years old, and he had been promptly isolated. The other passengers were vaccimited, and affecen of the steerase passengers, who were not sufficiently protected by vaccination, were sent to Hoffman Island. After the vessel had been thoroughly fumigated she was allowed to proceed to her pier, in Hoboken. She had on board 33 cabin and 618 steerage passengers.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Baltimore, April 7.-The residence of Charles K. Lord, formerly vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio Baliroad, at No. 1.214 St. Paul-st., was gutted by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. The members of the family escaped safely. The loss is about \$10,000. Grand Rapids, Mich., April 7.- A dispatch received since midnight from Hastings, Barry County Trenton, N. J., April 7.—Ex-Senator Henry S. Little, of this city, has given \$100,000 for the erection of a dormitory at the Princeton University. The gift was accepted by the Board of Trustees to-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE CUBAN JUNTA'S BLUNDER.

AN X-RAY ON THEIR MOTIVES THAT WILL

MAKE FOR PEACE. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: There is a Spanish proverb, "El enseña of Governors of the Democratic Club to secure | la oreja," derived from the fable of the ass in the lion's skin. There are several English proverbs that are equally apposite to present circumstances-"You should not bite off your own nose to spite your face," "You should not not upset your own apple-cart," "You should not sling a boomerang against yourself," "The devil should not show his hoof," and many more of the like import-to which may be added another still more suggestive as suitable for the occasion, "The monkey should not snap at the cat he is employing to pull his chestnuts out of

> tyranny, which all the world admits to have been atrocious. We have carried on war with ods that they have employed-ravaging and impoverishing the country, burning crops and poverishing the country, burning crops and houses, murdering their inhabitants, blowing up railronds with dynamite and shooting envoys of peace who have approached us under a flag of truce. We have accomplished all this with an army of 40,000 guerillas, against the quietude of 1,000,000 non-combatants. We have located ourselves in a safe spot, far away from these turmois, where we could make use of the resources of a friendly nation to supply our forces with arms, ammunition and provisions. We have awakened their sympathies; we have encouraged their hate for all oppression but our own, we have patted them on the back as about pactication and good government, but that, unless they make war for our especial benefit, we are ready to fight them as well as

> the Spaniards Alass Alass That we should now have shown our ear?"
> With thousands of others, I am glad that they have made this insensate blunder. An X-ray has made their motives transparent. No one incident that has transpired will make more for peace than this impudent bravado of the Cuban Junta.
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> New-York, April 7, 1898.

MONITOR VS. BATTLE-SHIP. AN ADVOCATE OF THE OLDER TYPE OF VESSEL

Sir: A Washington dispatch in The Tribune of yesterday made the very gratifying statement that veral members of the Senate Naval Committee. after a conference with the Assistant Secretary of

this view has been supported by many of the battle-ship men since the Spanish excitement of the monitor advocates by the Senate Com-

monitor type of watship as against the battle-ship type, but it would take more space than you would allow me to detail them. The battle-ship costs at Consul has demanded from the Taoti, first, that the solders shall be dishanded; second, that the murderers shall be put to death and the ringleaders arrested; third, that 500 hels be paid as compensation for the chapel destroyed, and, fourth, that full protection be given to the missionaries when they return.

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THE PRESIDENT'S BRAVERY.

of the reconcentrados lately returned to their homes at our request four had already been murhomes at our request four had already been murdered by the insurgeois. Without stopping to consider how entirely this fact justifies Mr. Phelpa's
allegations in resard to the conduct and character of these latter, when we remember how short
a time it is since the order for the reconcentradoes return was given it seems increasing to calculate how many of these poor creatures, he whose
behalf American sympathy has been so warmly
and so patriotically aroused, would remain alive
to profit by our bounty after the prowess of our
Army and Naxy had secured for the rebels that
"complete independence" which Mr. Balley, of
Tenar, the galleries of Congress and certain jourpals are laboring so noisily to bestow.

New-York, April 7, 188.

HYGIENE IN THE SCHOOLS. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The good people who talk of hyglene in the public waiting-rooms, streetcars, etc., should not fail to visit the public schools of our city. Not gest a visit from those interested in hygiene. The chass was called to order. Then the teacher said: ting in front of me borrowed a pencil from the boy

by his side. This pencil was quite blunt, and very moist from frequent contact with its owner's tongue. The borrower thrust it into his mouth, nevertheless, and sucked it solemn'y, while he folded his paper "according to the rule." As I looked about I saw a number of well-soaked and "bitten" pencils exchanged between boys with bad "bitten" pencils exchanged between boys with bad teeth, "cold sores," catarrh, etc. The sight made me feel thoughtful, it not slightly nauscated. I went into the next room, Here they were to have a lesson in writing. The teacher took from her desk a box in which were thirty pens, and said: "Benny Smith! it is your turn to distribute the pens this morning; see how quickly and quictly you can do this." Benny Smith carried the box about and placed a pen on each desk. Hardly a pen but bore evidence of former usage, in the shape of tooth marks. At the close of the lesson "Benny

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Smith" collected the pens, and they were put away to be "exchanged" again, the next day. But the old saying, "Don't grumble about things unless you have something better to offer," applies here. Let me make these suggestions: First, teach the boys how to sharpen pencils properly; second, the the boys for putting pens and pencils about the face; third, let each boy have a pen and pencil as cat he is employing to pull his chestnuts out of the fire." That, however, is precisely what the Cuban Junta has done. It may have been done under the influence of still another old saying. "In vino veritas." I do not accuse them of intexication, but offer it as the only excuse for the promulgation of their manifesto.

Now, under the influence of their sober senses, they are endeavoring to explain it away. If we could get at their immost thought it would probably amount to this: "Here we have been fighting for three years against Spanish tyranny which all the world admits to have

A PLAN TO FREE CUBA.

our oppressors, using the same barbarous meth- spain to receive two HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE UNITED STATES, WHICH SHALL BE RECOUPED FROM THE ISLAND.

> Sir: I beg leave to offer with due modesty what seems to me the best plan for satisfying all parties in this stage of diplomatic intercourse between the United States and Spain.

bring her sovereignty of Cuba to a close, and with her troops, officials, archives and movable governhis the United States will guarantee to her \$300. 000,000, payable \$10,000,000 within sixty days of the

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vessel in a lattle on the open sea. Will a large battle-ship seek the ocean for a naval comiant. It must be remembered that a warship is a floating gain platform, that the ocean is never so of the sublime efforts made by the Administration to settle this difficulty without a declaration of war. Some people, not many, are disposed to criticise President McKinley for what they are

an unstream was also will as a word in freeze at any special contract the second contract the second contract the contract the second contract the second contract the contract the second contract the second

We are all anxiously waiting for the first belistroke that shall announce the decision. Shall it be a stroke for war or a stroke for the opening of the anthem of peace a real peace, a peace with rightrousness as its basis, looking to freedom as its end and National honor as its inspiring and everattendant characteristic? God grant that it may be the latter.

Montclair, N. J., April 6, 1838.

TWO SIDES TO THE CUBAN QUESTION. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I am no admirer of Spanish miscovernment

neither do I admire the threatened mob rule in our Congress and a war-at-any-price element. Since guardian of the interests of the common people of the Democratic party the chief or sole exponent of patriotism? President McKinley has proved hipatriotism in one war, and is proving it against amid hostle forces at home as well as in Spain amid hostle forces at home as well as in Spain amid that, for there are two sides, at least, to the Cuban question, and two unreconciled parties in Cuba, if every Spaniard left the island to-morrow the cities pro-Spanish, the country, chiefly in the two eastern provinces, anti-Spanish, Firmness, no quarrelsomeness, is our proper position. Firmnes is strength; fury, weakness.

New-York, April 7, 1898.

THE NICARAGUA RAILROAD PURCHASE. The announcement of the purchase by the Atlas the Nicaraguan Government did not surprise the pany or the Panama Rallroad Company, who say that they knew negotiations for the transfer had that they knew negotiations for the transfer had been in progress for some time. The Nicaragua Railroad is not yet completed. It extends eastward from the Pacific Const about fifty-cight miles, and the eastern division extends westward from Managua about thirty-two miles to Gramada, steamers on Nicaragua Lake connecting the two ends of the railway line. It is said that the Atlas Line will put on steamers to ply between Vajparaiso and California ports, which new service and its steamship line from New-York would both operate over the Nicaragua route.

MUST TAKE ALL OR NONE.

RAPID TRANSIT BOARD APPROVES MAN-HATTAN FRANCHISES.

THE COMPANY MUST DECIDE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS CONTRACT AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR

THE UNDERGROUND ROAD ALSO ACTED

Matters of much importance were decided at yesterday's meeting of the Rapid Transit Commission. The certificates granting the seven franchises to the Manhattan Railroad Company were aproved and will be at once tendered to the company, while the contract and specifications

relating to the construction of the underground road were also approved. The presence of Charles Stewart Smith at the meeting, after an absence of some months in Europe, made it pos-Neither the Mayor nor Controller Coler attended the meeting, and had it not been for Mr. Smith's return the progress of the commission's plans would have been once more impeded by the Administration's representatives on the

The tender of the franchises for the seven proposed extensions was unantmously decided upon. The conditions and terms upon which these franchises will be granted have already been described in detail in The Tribune. The only modification that has been made is a stipulation adopted by the Board yesterday that the Manhattan Company must accept all or reject all of the franchises. The company will not be permitted to accept the valuable downtown extensions and refuse the northernward improvements upon the terms originally fixed by the Board. These terms were made attractive in the hope that the company would be induced thereprobability that the Manhattan directors would agree to take the downtown franchises and refuse the others was brought to the attention of the Commissioners, and yesterday they respondingly higher percentages to the city than at

he run through it." After a long discussion the resolution was defeated. Mr. Rives and John H. Starin voted in favor of the increased height, and Alexander E. Orr. John Claffin, Charles Stewart Smith and Woodbury Langdon declared against it. It was learned that Mr. Rives was induced to offer his resolution because of suggestions made some weeks ago by a delegation of residents above the Harlem that provision be made for connecting the New-York Central with the underground raffroad. The detailed plans and specifications for the

pendent State

BY WAR WITH SPAIN JUSTIFIED?

GRAVE QUESTIVES AT ISSUE ARE IN COMPETENT

HANDS FOR DECISION.

To the Edutor of The Tribune

Sir. I may be presumptious, not to say daugerous to one reputation, to say a weed in favor of suit General, Lee, a wise and competent man, has been recalled and provision made for the safe and speedy return to American shores or all Americans whose personal safety makes such a return desirable, an armed confice scems so imminent and the justification for it so positive that he is deemed an unwise man who will say a word in favor of peace. construction of the road, together with the con-

nen who have to do the fighting. It has been aid that the monitor cannot be so effective a cased in a hattle on the open sea. Will a large attle-ship seek the ocean for a naval comba."

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women's couch to escope i the smoker. The engine
of the freight train and eight cars were derailed
and budly smashed. The remains of the man who
was struck by the parsenger train were brought
here, and cannot be identified.

"The injured who were in the women's coach
are Christian Siegner. National Military Home,
Dayton, Ohio, cut on arm and head, the Rev. W. S.
Lewry, No. is Carbon-st. East End. Pittsburg,
left side bruised and both base injured. His wife
had her left leg injured. Charles Accles Swan, of
Hanaver, Ohio, was cut about the head. The conductor of the freight was injured in jumping."

TO WORK FOR A BIG ENROLMENT. The Republican Club of the XIXth Assembly District of which William H. Douglas is president, held its monthly meeting at the Hotel Endicott, held its monthly meeting at the Hotel Endicott, Eighty-first-st, and Columbus-ave, last evening. When Mr Douglas called the meeting to order at 9 o'clock about fifty persons were present. The re-port of the General Committee on the new Primary law was read, and it was decided to make the new enrolment as large as possible. After busi-ness matters had been disposed of, Paul D. Cravath and Assemblyman F. E. Laimbeer addressed the club on the subject of the new Primary law, en-tering into a detailed explanation of the law.

MEADOW BROOK HOUNDS OUT AGAIN. After a lapse of several days cross-country hunt ing was again resumed on Long Island yesterday The run was over a seven-mile course on the South Side of Long Island. In places the turf was stippery, which caused several falls, but, luckily, none of those who were thrown were hurt. The meet took place at 4 o'clock at Island Trees

In the centre of the Hempstead Plains, C. Albert Stevens was master of the hounds in the absence of Ralph N. Ellis. When the pack were put on the trail they ran westward to the Hempstead farms, and then to the country seat of John S. Snedecker, at East Meadow Brook, which they crossed, and then ran to the estates of O. H. P. Belmont and J. W. Barnum, where a check was called. When the huntsmen again resumed the chase they rode to the country seat of James L. Kernochan, and then to that of "Jack" Lawrence, at Hempstead, where the hunt ended.

William C. Hayes, Harry K. Vingut, the two whips, J. Murphy and P. Hannon; Mrs. E. Kenyon Stow and F. Grey Griswold were the first to finish. The rest of those in the saddle finished together, a short distance behind. in the centre of the Hempstead Plains, C. Alber

Washington, April 7.-Yale beat Georgetown by

A Map of Cuba

and adjacent islands, hanf. somely lithographed, in three colors, will accompany each copy of tonight's issue of

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ever witnessed in this city. It was a pitchers' bat-tle, in which Feary had sightly the advantage, Score: Georgetown0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 7 3 7 3 Yale0 1 0 0 2 1 0 0 x 4 9 2

Batteries Bach, Dowd and Maloney; Feary and Sum van. FAMILY TROUBLES END IN DIVORCE.

MRS. WITTHAUS WINS HER SUIT AGAINST THE PROFESSOR AND A SERIES OF COURT

Justice Gaynor In the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon confirmed the report of William P. Piero in the action of Bly E. Witthaus for an absolute divorce from Rudolph A. Witthaus, grants a divorce to the plaintiff with alimony, Both plaintiff and defendant are physicians. The defendant is also professor of chemistry and toxi-cology in the University of Vermont, for which he gets \$1,500 a year, and a professor in the University of New-York, for which he gets \$5,500 a His wife testified before the referes the he admitted to her that he received \$300 a year from private pupils, and that he had received \$25,000 for his testimony in criminal cases. He was an expert

Buchanan case, and many others.

The referee recapitulates the various legal profirst agreed upon. The Manhattan company must make known to the Commission its willingness or non-willingness to build the extensions upon the conditions imposed within thirty days. When the consideration of the detailed plans and specifications of the underground railroad was taken up. George L. Rives moved that "the istailed plans heretofore submitted be amended by increasing the minimum height of the tunnel between the Grand Central Station and the City Hall Park to fifteen feet in order that the road might be of such size that standard cars might be run through it." After a long discussion the

two insurance policies on her husband's life of the present value of \$1.540 and \$1,000 in cash. This is confirmed by Justice Gaynor, who grants besides an allowance of \$250 counsel fee and costs to the counsel for the plaintiff.

THE LAURA BOOTHE INQUEST.

MISS CISSY FITZGERALD TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF THE SUICIDE THEORY.

Coroner Fitzpatrick and a jury yesterday began the inquest touching the death of Laura Boothe, the actress, who was recently found dead with a bullet wound in her head in her room in the New-Amsterdam Hotel. The woman was a member of "The Foundling" company, which was playing at the time in Brooklyn. James S. Lee, the manager of the company, went to the hotel with the woman, and he was held under ball to await

Miss Cissy Fitzgerald and other members of Foundling" company. Miss Fitzgerald testified that Foundling" company. Miss Fitzgerald testified that she knew that Laura Boothe carried a revolver and that she had heard her say that if Lee ever deserted her she would kill him and then herself. Mrs. Warner Francis Brown, who occupies room No 41 in the New-Amsterdam Hotel, testified that between midnight Sunday, March 27, and 1 o'clock Monday morning, March 28, she heard rappings on the door of room No. 59, the one in which Miss Boothe was found dead. The rappings, she said, indicated impatience, and she looked out. She saw the form of a man in the hailway. She thought that she heard a pistol shot a little later, An employe of the hotel testified that he had had a talk with Lee about 1 o'clock Monday morning. The hearing will go on next Monday.

JAMES S. LEE ARRESTED.

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